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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 30 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

- Claims 1 30 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
- Applicant's arguments filed on 04/15/2008 in response to Non-Final office action mailed on 1/15/2008 are found to be persuasive. Claims rejections have been withdrawn.
- 5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roderick Tolentino whose telephone number is (571) 272-2661. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on (571) 272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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